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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite font editing device used in a desktop publishing system, comprising:

a composite font editor operable to receive a user input specifying a user selection of select two or more different fonts and to create a composite font from the two or more different fonts;

wherein the composite font editor is operable to display a composite font dialog box on the screen of a display device, the composite font dialog box displaying a sample window containing sample text using the composite font, and wherein an icon is provided for controlling display/non-display of at least one reference line associated with the composite font, the at least one reference line being a line drawn for each font of the composite font and the at least one reference line being positioned relative to the sample text ~~of the sample text~~ displayed in the sample window.

2. (Previously Presented) The composite font editing device of claim 1, wherein the reference line has at least one line selected from: ICF box (average type face), em-box (virtual body), baseline, cap height, ascent, descent, ascender, and X height.

3. (Currently Amended) The composite font editing device of claim 2, wherein each reference line is displayed in a different color when ~~a plurality~~ more than one of the reference lines ~~is~~ are displayed.

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4. (Currently Amended) The composite font editing device of claim 1, wherein the sample text is displayed in the sample window in ~~a plurality of lines~~ more than one line of text.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, tangibly stored on a computer-readable medium, for composite font editing, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

display a composite font editing dialog box on the screen of a display device when started by a user;

~~select~~ receive a user input specifying a user selection of two or more different fonts; using the composite font editing dialog box; ~~to~~

create a composite font from the two or more different fonts;

use the created composite font to display sample text in a sample window; and

display a reference line ~~of the selected reference line icon~~ in the sample window in response to a user selection of ~~at least one~~ a corresponding reference line icon provided in the composite font editing dialog box, the reference line being a line drawn for each font of the composite font and the at least one reference line being positioned relative to the sample text displayed in the sample window.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 5, wherein the reference line icon has at least one reference line icon selected from: ICF box (average type face), em-box (virtual body), baseline, cap height, ascent, descent, ascender, and X height.

7. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6, further operable to display each reference line in a different color when a plurality of the reference lines is displayed.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 5, further operable to display sample text in the sample window as a plurality of textual lines when the sample text includes a plurality of characters.

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9. (Currently Amended) A composite font editing device used in a desktop publishing system, comprising:

a font file storing a plurality of different fonts; and

a composite font editing means operable to receive a user input specifying a user selection of for selecting two or more fonts from the plurality of different fonts and to create creating a composite font from the two or more fonts;

wherein when the composite font editing means is started by user input, a composite font dialog box is displayed on the screen of a display device, the composite font dialog box being operable to display a sample window displaying sample text using the composite font, and an icon is provided for controlling display/non-display of at least one reference line, the at least one reference line being a line drawn for each font of the composite font and the at least one reference line being positioned relative to the sample text reference line associated with the composite font of the sample text displayed in the sample window.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium storing a composite font editing program, for executing by computer in a desktop publishing system, comprising:

a procedure for displaying a composite font editing dialog box on a screen of a display device when started by a user;

a procedure for receiving a user input specifying a user selection of selecting two or more different fonts using the composite font editing dialog box; and

a procedure for creating a composite font from the two or more different fonts; and

a procedure for using the created composite font to display sample text in a sample window; and

a procedure for displaying a reference line of the selected reference line icon in the sample window when a user selects at least one a corresponding reference line icon provided in the composite font editing dialog box, the at least one reference line being a line drawn for each font of the composite font and the at least one reference line being positioned relative to the sample text displayed in the sample window.